The Marshall Plan

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So, what even was the Marshall Plan?

The “Marshall Plan” was created in 1947, it was to help rebuild Europe after the recent world war.

- It was Proposed by George C. Marshall (obviously)
- Provided Financial aid to Europe.
- Helped Spread American Ideas.
- Combated Soviet Influence in Europe.
- Created a better world economy.

Otherwise known as “The European Recovery Plan”
Who would have supported The Marshall Plan? Were there ‘Pros’?
- A total of 16 countries took participated in The Marshall Plan, hence there had been supporters.
- The allies that received aid from the plan; Great Britain and France, would have been the greatest benefited, as they received almost $200 Million each.

Who would have been against it? Were there ‘Cons’?
- The soviets opted out of (what they called) the “Martial Plan” denouncing it as a capitalistic trick.
- Over sixteen years, over $12.5 billion would be spent on European nations alone
Supported Countries
What could have been done differently?

**Good Decisions:**
- The Marshall Plan was a good decision for the U.S. because it helped create a stable world economy and countries became better allies with us.

**Bad Decisions:**
- The Marshall Plan could have also provided support to other war torn continents.
- The plan could have been instituted earlier.
What about influence?

Perhaps cultures were misunderstood?

- The Soviet Russia was offered likewise terms* from the Marshall Plan as other European nations, if certain outside controls and political reforms were adopted.

- While the economy of various European countries were boosted, The Marshall Plan could not suppress the uprising of communism in certain nations.

*These “terms” however, were purposefully difficult for the USSR to accept. Therefore, when the Soviets abandoned the plan- it was no shock to the Americans.
Let’s talk about advantages.

**Advantages:**
- Western European countries got Financial Aid.
- Created a stable world economy, and marked the slow, yet positive, development

**Disadvantages:**
- Soviet-controlled countries did not receive support.
- All other war torn areas like Asia did not receive support.
- The Soviet Union conflicted the plan with its own propaganda, the Molotov Plan, which included relief grants for Eastern Bloc countries. The clashing programs, only heightened cold war tensions.
In terms of World Peace...

Helped:
- The Marshall Plan created a friendship between the U.S. and many European countries that would last for years.
- As a direct result, contributed greatly to the rebuilding of Europe’s economy.

Hurt:
- The Soviets were left out of the plan and the plan also hurt the influence of Communism.
- Created even more tension with Russia for years to come.
Peace Out!

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